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James Snyder, Editor

## THE PRESIDENT SEZ Jeff Pleiter, President

It has been a busy summer and a while since the last newsletter. The Starved Rock Drive followed by the WCZC picnic hosted by Ree and Keith at their home was a great event. The weather was great, food was awesome and we had a great turnout. Ty also invited us to a Chrome and Coffee event at the Iron Gate Motor Condos. The weather was not so good for that, it rained most of the time. You can blame me for that because the previous weekend I had given the Nismo a thorough cleaning and washed all the Starved Rock Dive bugs off it, so of course it rained and ruined all my cleaning. I was not able to go to the Cantigny Car Show as I had headed out of town, but I hear the weather was great, a good number of WCZC people attended and Ty ended up with one of the Import trophies.

We had headed out of town to see my daughter in Raleigh and then on to St. Pete's Beach for my wife's Novelist, Inc. writer's convention. We had a great time, but we had elected to drive out and it turned out this was just as the pipeline broke in Alabama and all the southeast states had a gas shortage. Our first night in Raleigh found only 1 of 5 stations with gas, and we waited 20 minutes to fill up. As we went on, it was a little nerve racking, but it went OK, we filled up at half a tank and found gas as we needed it. Only was regular, no midgrade or premium available. The entire time the weather was upper 80s to mid 90s so it was a bit of a shock to come back to a week of 60s and rain.

Back at home, Bob Rosecrans set up a somewhat impromptu drive to Starved Rock and we had lunch on the patio at the Lodge. Again we had a good showing of Zs and people. Next up is the Continental Nissan Octoberfest on October 8. Hope to see you all there, although this newsletter may not reach you before then.

Looks like we are going to do the Fall Fling Drive on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, if the weather holds out. We will do the popular New Glarus drive we have done a couple of times. We'll send out an evite and email with

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information, but expect to meet at the Downers Grove Starbucks with a 9 am leave time, and then head up to the Suisse House for an early 11 or 11:30 am lunch in Monroe Wisconsin, followed by the drive on Wisconsin back roads, ending up in New Glarus. There is a Chili Cook-Off at Tofflers Pub and Grill which should be going on just as we arrive if any is interested.

For our annual Windy City Z Club Birthday Party, we are planning on a more casual atmosphere this year. Save the date for November 5, 6 pm at the Downers Sand Club Bar & Grill, they have a back room for our dinner separate from the rest of the venue. This is a sports bar and grill, no fancy food. They can do a veggie plate and gluten free if requested. We can hang out in the room together as usual, and if you want to come early they have pool tables, shuffleboard, and even indoor volleyball courts and a DJ will be playing tunes later in the main area. When you get there, walk all the way to the back and there is a room to the left.

Election of Club officer's happens at the Birthday Party, so think about stepping forward and doing on the offices. The offices and positions include President, VP of Activities, VP of Administration, secretary/membership, treasurer, newsletter editor and webmeister.

I am willing to stay on as President, although open to others if interested. I have not asked others if they plan on staying on. [Newsletter editor position is open!]

For the Star Wars Fans:

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nissan today announced it will produce a limited-volume version of its newly revised Rogue compact SUV, the "2017 Nissan Rogue: Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition" for the U.S. and

Canadian markets. Also previewed was special badging, designed by Lucasfilm, which will have prominent placement on the new "Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition." The vehicle makes its global debut at the 2016 Los Angeles Auto Show in November. The film, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, opens on December 16.

Other Nissan news. Nothing new offered by Nissan for the 2017 370 except for the addition of Chicane Yellow as a color. No word from Nissan on the next generation Z yet. What is interesting is Nissan now has added a Sentra SR Turbo model for 2017 with an additional 64 HP with suspension, 6-spd manual, and brakes and body upgrades. It's been a while since there has been a decent performance version of the Sentra. Maybe Jay will have one at the Octoberfest event.

More and more the WCZC latest info is being put on our website and facebook page, so to keep up to date with the WCZC please visit our WCZC website and/or Facebook page, as we post information and photos there on a timely and sometimes real time basis.

~ Jeff

#### Larry Klem, V.P of Activities

Happy Fall everyone. As many of you may know my Z is laid up, a slowly draining radiator finally ended up in a catastrophic engine overheat on I55 heading home from this year's Road



Rally and Picnic – not the end to an otherwise great day I would have preferred. In other words, I cooked the engine but good. Not to worry the replacement engine is due out of the rebuild shop any day now, an estimate that I've been hearing from them for several weeks. I do hope to have her back on the road for the drive on the 23<sup>rd</sup> that Jeff detailed in his article. In any case, the drive to Starved Rock and the following picnic was a fantastic set of events, great turn out, well planned and just a fun afternoon. My thanks to the Keca clan for all their hard work – it really showed. I'd also like to shout out to the Sherriff Police's sitting in his SUV for

not having his radar on during the milliseconds it took for our group of Zs to go slowly and carefully past.

After what seem like a lull in the late summer's club activities I do want to encourage our members to send in their reservations for the Annual Birthday celebration and consider the Wisconsin Rally, the leaves are turning and we all know what that means. We will be sending out more information on those events shortly.

Keep the shiny side up and please remember to check (all) your fluid levels often...

~ Larry

We welcome your photos, articles or Nissan news of interest! Please send them by the 10th to wczc.editor@gmail.com. When submitting photos, please indicate the event and day.







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## Windy City Z 2016 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact & other info
Oct 8	10-2	OctoberFest	Continental Nissan 5750 S. La Grange Rd Countryside, IL 60525	Larry Klem 630-915-1799
Oct 23	9am	Fall Fling		
Nov 5	6pm	WCZC Birthday Party	Downers Sand Club Bar & Grill	

Hello, my name is Chris. I have been a member of Z club for only a year. but never seem to have the time to get to any of the events. I just wanted to send you some info about an airbrush artist in the area that does very nice work. Below are some pictures of my car and the work that he just completed for me. Thank you for your time.  $\sim$  Chris











# Windy City Z Club Annual Birthday Party

Saturday, November 5, 2016

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Cash bar. Dinner approx. 7:00pm

## **Downers Sand Club**

Sports Bar and Grill

1211 B Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (South side of Butterfield Road, behind Olive Garden)

Dinner, Officer Elections, Door Prizes, Year in Review Slide show

Informal setting and food: buffet platters, salads, fruit, wings, chicken tenders, sandwiches, quesadillas

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Member Nam	<u>:</u>	
Guest Name:		
\$15 per plate	or member and one guest, \$25 per plate for non-members	
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- o Social Events

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- o Customizing
- o Committee Volunteer
- o Club Representative
- o Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please contact one of the Club Officers listed above.

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